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ABSTRACT

Designed for parents, this booklet provides parents with information about encouraging literacy in young children in the format of a children's book with illustrations from various works by noted children's illustrator Tomie dePaola. The booklet emphasizes the importance of reading to and with children, stressing that reading helps children learn about language, prepares them for entry into school, helps them overcome problems, and brings joy, amazement, and inspiration to their lives. Specific sections discuss: (1) what parents can do to teach their children to love books; (2) reading to infants; (3) reading to toddlers; (4) bedtime books; (5) starter and participation books for beginning readers; (6) reading to preschoolers; (7) holiday reading; (8) reading to early readers; (9) problem-solving through books; (10) sharing books with older children; (11) specific genres of reading materials; and (12) the importance of the library for children of all ages. Each section contains related illustrations, quotations, and recommended books. (MDM)

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